

**House File 2218 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act regarding interpretation of public use and public
- 2 interest in connection with an application for a franchise
- 3 to construct an electric transmission line.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 478.1, Code 2016, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. For the purposes of this chapter,  
4 the term "*public*" when used in connection with "public use"  
5 or "public interest" shall be interpreted to be limited to  
6 consumers located in this state.

7 Sec. 2. Section 478.3, subsection 3, Code 2016, is amended  
8 by striking the subsection.

9 EXPLANATION

10 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
11 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

12 This bill modifies how the term "public" is interpreted with  
13 respect to specified references contained in Code chapter 478  
14 relating to electric transmission lines.

15 The bill provides that "public", when used in connection  
16 with "public use" or "public interest", shall be interpreted  
17 to be limited to consumers located in Iowa. The bill strikes a  
18 current provision, applicable to Code section 478.3 concerning  
19 the contents of a petition for franchise, that provides that  
20 "public" shall not be interpreted to be limited to consumers  
21 located in this state.